Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A valve for the drop application of a liquid stored in a container comprising a take-up body ~~(22)~~ which has a discharge passage for the liquid, ~~with~~ and a single elastically deformable membrane ~~(24) being~~ which is closed at its front end arranged in the take-up body ~~(22)~~ and sealingly closing the discharge passage ~~(34)~~, the take-up body having an aeration passage extending through the take-up body for a follow-up air flow, the membrane also sealingly closing the aeration passage.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the front end of the membrane ~~(24) is closed at its front end and is in particular~~ has an arched in dome-shape.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the front end of the membrane ~~(24)~~ projects out of the take-up body ~~(22)~~.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the membrane ~~(24)~~ is made as a hollow body open at one end.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ including a support element ~~(26),~~ which pre-stresses the membrane ~~(24)~~ in the axial direction[[,]] and is arranged in ~~the~~ an interior of the membrane.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ including a support element ~~(26),~~ provided in the interior of the membrane and which is in engagement with the membrane ~~(24)~~ via at least one latching means ~~(50), is provided in the interior of the membrane (24)~~.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ including a support element ~~(26),~~ which is provided for the membrane is in engagement with the take-up body ~~(22)~~ via at least one latching means ~~(46), is provided for the membrane (24)~~.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ including a support body ~~(26) is~~ provided for the membrane ~~(24)~~ and ~~extends~~ extending from beneath an aeration passage ~~(32) provided~~ in the take-up body ~~(22)~~ up to and into ~~the~~ a region of the upper end ~~(48)~~ of the membrane ~~(24)~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ including a support body ~~(26)~~ for the membrane ~~(24) is provided which extends~~ and extending over ~~the~~ a total inner cross-section of the take-up body ~~(22)~~ at its lower end and ~~has~~ having at least one throughflow opening ~~(60)~~ in ~~this region~~ a vicinity of the lower end.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ including a support body and wherein a ring passage is provided between ~~a~~ the support body ~~(26)~~ and the membrane ~~(24)~~.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that a ring passage (52, 56) is provided between~~ wherein the take-up body ~~(22)~~ and the membrane ~~(24)~~ define a ring passage between them.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 10, ~~characterized in that a~~ including first and second ring ~~passage (52, 56) is provided~~ passages between the take-up body ~~(22)~~ and the membrane ~~(24)~~; and ~~in that~~ at least one overflow passage ~~(58) is provided~~ in the membrane ~~and connects~~ connecting the ~~two~~ first and second ring passages to one another.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the membrane ~~(24)~~ and the take-up body ~~(22)~~ sealingly contact one another along a contact section ~~(42) which is in particular made~~ configured as a paraboloid of revolution.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a ring passage ~~(52)~~ is provided at ~~the~~ a start of the contact section ~~(42)~~ and an outflow passage ~~(44)~~ is provided at ~~the~~ an end of the contact section ~~(42)~~.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that the take-up body (22) has an aeration passage (32) for a follow-up air flow, with the membrane (24) also sealingly closing the aeration passage (32), and with~~ including a sterile filter ~~(28) in particular being provided~~ in the take-up body ~~(22)~~ in front of the orifice of the aeration passage ~~(32)~~.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A valve in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that it is~~ comprising only ~~made up of~~ three functional components, namely [[of]] the take-up body ~~(22)~~, [[of]] the membrane ~~(24)~~ and ~~of the~~ a support body ~~(26)~~.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A dropper system comprising a container ~~(10)~~ and a valve ~~(20) for the drop application of a liquid stored in a container comprising a take-up body (22) which has a discharge passage for the liquid, with a single elastically deformable membrane (24) being arranged in the take-up body (22) and sealingly closing the discharge passage (34), said valve sealingly closing the container (10)~~ in accordance with claim 1.

Claim 18 (canceled)